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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
THE DIRECTOR THE JOINT STAFF

The Secretaries of State and Defense have just agreed to establish a Southeast Asia Aid Policy Committee with the responsibility for the coordination of general policy on political-economic-military aid in Southeast Asia. The Secretary of Defense has appointed General Burns as Defense representative on this Committee.

Pursuant to a memorandum of 8 December 1949 from the Director, Office of Foreign Military Affairs, an intelligence presentation was held on 14 December on the Far East. It would be of great assistance if a similar presentation could now be arranged for General Burns and General Lemnitzer to bring the earlier presentation up to date and to evaluate significant developments in the Far East that have occurred during the past six months.

Such a presentation should cover the same area listed in the memorandum of 8 December 1949, with the addition of Japan.

In addition to a review of the significant changes during the past six months in each country, we would be particularly interested in receiving an estimate of:

- a. Chinese Communist political and military intentions and capabilities regarding Southeast Asia.
- b. Capabilities of Southeast Asia to prevent Communist infiltration.
- c. Degree of Soviet control over the Chinese Communist regime.
- d. Attitudes of the non-Communist governments toward the US, the USSR and Communist China.
- e. Development of collective or regional collaboration in the area.

Wednesday, 28 June 1950 is suggested as the date for this presentation.

/s/ LEVEN C. ALLEN  
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Major General, USA  
Executive Secretary

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